Mr. Willard thinks that we could build the best possible house for this locality, and at very much less expense than a frame, out of the native forest which surrounds us here fitting the logs into each other with moss. This could be done by the Indians at twenty five cents per log. When white labor no better would cost $3.00 per day, and it would give employment to the people, for which they are suffering.

This is a matter which gives us no little concern. How to employ the people. They are waking up to new wants. They are rapidly becoming dissatisfied with the old life, and they are exceedingly anxious to work, that those wants may be provided for. That they should be, is necessary to the further growth and development of the people. There is a wealth of fish in both rivers. We are fully convinced that a Boys Home here could become self-supporting in a very few years, and perhaps support the whole mission here. We have an abundance of excellent soil, lying well. much of it that would require almost no labor to prepare for cultivation. We could raise enough here to supply the whole coast; and our vegetables would find a ready market, and good prices at the mines; and if we had a little steam-launch we would have the whole control of the matter, no middle men to eat up the profits. Now we cannot ask the Board for this help, but if any of the churches choose to help us, no one can object; and we believe that it would be the most profitable investment for the work here that could be made, in every sense profitable; for we think no other one thing could have such an influence on the people. Then think of these boys who would be trained to agriculture. This is the only place I must in Alaska I have such a thing I could be

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possible, and the cost to begin with, would be comparatively small. The house could be built of logs. We would require a good practical person and wife, through christian, to take charge of the Home. The very first season the boys could raise enough to keep them in food, together with fish that they could feed, and I believe we could fill such a home in less than a week."

Mrs. Willard writes of the proposed Home as probably self-supporting — In the beginning however $100 a year are needed for each ~~boy~~ girl taken into such a home in Alaska. Probably $75 would amount for a boy at the Chilcat station —

For particulars write to Mrs. D.M. Miller 23 Centre St. New York city P.O. Box 1938 —

Money for this or other objects is to be sent either to Treas. of a Christ. Society, if organized, or direct to Mrs. M.E. Boyd — 23 Centre St. New York —

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